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POLK COUNTY STEROIDS DEALER SENTENCED

Tampa, Florida - U.S. Attorney A. Brian Albritton announces that U.S. District Judge James S. Moody Jr. today sentenced Richard Andrew Thomas (36, of Lakeland) to eight months in federal prison and three years of subsequent supervised release for possession with intent to distribute anabolic steroids. Thomas had pleaded guilty on November 10, 2009.

As set forth in Thomas's plea agreement, on May 26, 2009, Thomas received an international package containing anabolic steroids, a controlled substance. A subsequent search of his house revealed thousands of doses of anabolic steroids, large quantities of Valium (also a controlled substance), and several loaded firearms.

This case was investigated by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Polk County Sheriff's Office. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kelley C. Howard-Allen.